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FEB 12 ISSUE OF THE PRO CDU BONNER RUNDSCHAU CARRIES  
WASHINGTON DATELINED ARTICLE BY ARMIN HAAS ON U.S., FRG  
AND NPT, EXCERPTS OF WHICH FOLLOW.  
BEGIN TEXT

-- U.S., FRG AND NONPROLIFERATION --

1. THE CDU/CSU IS SPLIT 50-50 ON WHAT STAND TO TAKE  
REGARDING RATIFICATION OF THE ATOMIC NONPROLIFERATION  
TREATY...IN THE DEBATE, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE  
IN CASE OF A NON-RATIFICATION BY BONN OF THAT TREATY,  
AND THE PACT PROVIDING FOR VERIFICATION, PLAYS A  
SIGNIFICANT ROLE.

2. LATELY THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT  
HANDED A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESTAG,  
SAYING REFUSAL TO RATIFY WOULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS BURDEN-  
ING OF GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS. MOREOVER, THE LETTER  
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IS SUPPOSED TO SAY THAT THE U.S., NOW AS EVER, HAS 'A

VERY KEEN INTEREST' IN GERMAN RATIFICATION; AND FAILURE TO RATIFY WOULD BE TAKEN IN WASHINGTON TO INDICATE THAT WE WANT TO DISPOSE OVER ATOMIC WEAPONS ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY...

3. "NOW OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES AS A SIGNATORY POWER HAS 'AN INTEREST' IN THE GERMAN SIGNATURE...BUT IT IS CERTAINLY GOING TOO FAR TO SPEAK OF 'A VERY KEEN INTEREST.' FOR EVEN IF THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY HAS NOT EXACTLY BEEN STORED AWAY IN THE BACK OF THE CLOSET IN WASHINGTON, IT IS ALSO TRUE THAT THE MATTER IS IN NO SENSE ONE OF THE AMERICANS' CURRENT PRIORITIES. THERE IS INDEED THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR NON-RATIFICATION COULD WORSEN U.S.-GERMAN RELATIONS - BUT NOT LEAST BECAUSE THE MATTER INVOLVED IS NO LONGER OF REAL SPECIFIC GRAVITY IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

4. REACTION IN THE U.S. STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS TO (THESE REPORTS) HAS BEEN ONE OF UNCONCEALED ASTONISHMENT AT SUCH SLY METHODS; AN ANGRY REACTION TO SUCH TACTICS OF THE GERMANS IS NOT EXCLUDED.

5. "WHATEVER THE CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP DECIDES, IT SHOULD LOOK ON THE U.S. ATTITUDE REALISTICALLY, AND NOT ACCEPT ATTEMPTS TO EXERCISE INFLUENCE ON THE OPPOSITION BY MEANS OF OBJECTIVELY UNTRUE STATEMENTS."  
END TEXT

6. WE ARE INFORMED THAT FEB 12 CDU/CSU BUNDESTAG GROUP MEETING VOTED 57 "YES" TO 63 "NO" ON NPT RATIFICATION; THIS REPRESENTS 120 VOTES OF THE 224 MAN CDU/CSU PARLIAMENTARY GROUP. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE FRAKTION AGREED TO LET EACH CDU/CSU DEPUTY VOTE AS HE WISHES, FREE OF PARTY WHIP. BUNDESTAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TAKES DEFINITIVE VOTE TODAY, FEB 13; FINAL BUNDESTAG DEBATE AND VOTE FEB 20.  
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